



Before planting, contact
the Underground Service
Alert of Southern
California/DigAlert at
1-800-227-2600



Programs & Services
3460 Orange Street
Riverside, CA 92501
951-826-5485
www.riversidepublicutilities.com

TREE POWER

Residential Shade Tree Rebate Program



A Public Benefits Program
brought to you by



www.riversidepublicutilities.com

What is Tree Power?

Tree Power is a public benefit program that offers residential electric customers a rebate for planting selected shade trees around their home to help save on summer cooling costs.

What are the benefits?

Deciduous trees provide additional shading to help keep a home cooler in the summer while allowing the sun’s warming rays through to help heat the home in the winter. Trees also help clean the air, reduce noise and soil erosion, provide privacy, and beautify the environment.

What is the rebate amount?

Riverside Public Utilities will issue a rebate for the purchase of up to five qualifying shade trees per calendar year. Maximum rebate amount per tree is \$25; however, the rebate cannot exceed the purchase price of the tree.

Which trees are recommended?

Twenty deciduous trees are recommended for a Riverside Public Utilities’ Tree Power rebate: Bradford Pear • Chinese Evergreen Elm • Chinese Flame • Chinese Hackberry • Chinese Pistache • Crape Myrtle • Desert Willow • Goldenrain • Jacaranda • Liquidambar (Sweet Gum) • London Plane (Sycamore) • Fruit Trees • Majestic Beauty • Pink Trumpet Tree • Raywood Ash • Redbud (Eastern or Oklahoma) • Sawleaf Zerkova • Silk Tree • Tulip Tree • Western Catalpa (Palm trees and dwarf trees do not qualify.) • **RPU reserves the right to determine product eligibility.**

Program guidelines

- This program is available to RPU residential electric customers. If applicant is a tenant or renter, the property owner must sign the application.
- The level of incentive is \$25 per tree not to exceed the purchase price of tree. Customer may purchase for rebate up to five qualifying trees per electric account, per calendar year.
- Qualifying trees must be purchased from a city of Riverside merchant and planted at customer's service address before applying for a rebate.

- Before planting, contact the Underground Service Alert of Southern California/DigAlert at 1-800-227-2600.
- Trees must be planted at customer’s service address on the customer's own property. Customers may not plant trees on areas considered city property. To achieve maximum energy efficiency without negatively impacting any dwelling, business, underground pipes, utility lines or solar power access, trees must be planted within 10 to 35 feet from the building foundation.
- Once tree(s) are planted, mail your application along with copies of legible, dated sales receipt as proof of purchase to Riverside Public Utilities.
- Planted trees are subject to inspection for program compliance. Customer's failure to permit such inspections shall obligate the customer to repay the amount

- of the incentive received by the customer for that installation. The incentive amount shall be billed on the customer's regular utility billing from the City and shall be a part of customer's utility service charges payable to the City.
- Customer must sign liability agreement and agree to the long-term care of the tree.
- Application must be submitted within ninety (90) days of receipt purchase date in order to qualify for rebate.
- **Program is subject to change without prior notification. Rebates are given on a first come, first serve basis subject to fund availability.**

T R E E P O W E R R E B A T E A P P L I C A T I O N

Name on Utility Account		Customer Account Number
Service Address	Zip	Telephone Number
Mailing Address (if different)	Zip	Purchase Date

Please complete the following information. If more space is needed, please list items on a separate piece of paper. Failure to provide required information or receipt copies may result in processing delays.

I, the undersigned, agree that any and all trees which I obtain through the Tree Power Rebate Program are my trees and not the City of Riverside’s trees. I understand that I will care for the trees and be fully liable for any damage to person or property which may be caused by the planting, maintenance and presence of the trees, or is in any way related to my receipt of the trees under the Tree Power Rebate Program. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Riverside, its officers, employees and agents from any damages related to the trees I receive under the Tree Power Rebate Program.

Merchant(s) Purchased from	Trees Species Selected	
1. _____	1. _____	
2. _____	2. _____	
3. _____	3. _____	
4. _____	4. _____	
5. _____	5. _____	
Date Purchased _____	Date Purchased _____	
		Applicants Signature _____ Date _____
		*If Tenant/Renter, property owner must sign application
FOR RPU INSPECTOR		
Date Inspected _____		By _____
Notes _____		

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY					
JL Key	6020109080	Object	45603800	Rebate Amount	
Certification of Delivery		Approved for Payment		Approved for Payment	
Signature	Date	Department Head	Date	Finance Department	Date